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ABSTRACT

This guide provides activities for use with 15 popular children's books. Basic information is provided for each book--author, illustrator, publisher, publication date, grade level, and a list of other works by the same author. Each section includes a summary of the book, an introduction to use when presenting the book to children, key vocabulary words, suggestions on how to introduce vocabulary, discussion questions, and bulletin board ideas. Three activity sheets are provided for each book, and are numbered according to difficulty level (kindergarten through grade 2). Finally, optional activities, including activities for group or individual participation, are suggested. The following books are covered in this guide: (1) "Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day" (Judith Viorst); (2) "Amelia Bedelia" (Peggy Parish); (3) "Bedtime for Frances" (Russell Hoban); (4) "The Big Orange Splot" (Daniel Manus Pinkwater); (5) "Blueberries for Sal" (Robert McCloskey); (6) "Corduroy" (Don Freeman); (7) "Curious George" (H. A. Rey); (8) "Millions of Cats" (Wanda Gag); (9) "Miss Nelson Is Missing" (Harry Allard); (10) "No Roses for Harry!" (Gene Zion); (11) "The Snowy Day" (Ezra Jack Keats); (12) "The Story of Ferdinand" (Munro Leaf); (13) "Sylvester and the Magic Pebble" (William Steig); (14) "The Very Hungry Caterpillar" (Eric Carle); and (15) "Where the Wild Things Are" (Maurice Sendak). An appendix contains: general activity sheets for use after all the selected books have been read; a book evaluation form; a list of all vocabulary introduced; and an annotated bibliography of additional read-aloud children's books. (MM)

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